

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2015

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on December 16, 2015. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; Bodine Sinyard; and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He reminded everyone that the location for next month's Commission meeting will be held at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government. He discussed a student research project that compares pest management in school cafeterias and county health scores. Dr. Forschler has been working with GDA to make some minor edits to the Employee Registration Manual. The revised manual should be complete and submitted to the Commission prior to the January meeting.
- F. Dr. Dan Suiter discussed the selection process of the candidates for the Entomology Department Head position. He noted that next year will be a full year of training workshops including several new workshops, the 10-week certificate program and webinars. Mr. Lastinger noted that several officials from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget are planning to attend a workshop to learn about the Department's role in regulatory education and outreach.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He discussed the regulatory fumigation evaluation that is being conducted by the US EPA Inspector General's office. US EPA Region 4, Georgia and Florida were selected for evaluation. Once the evaluation is complete, a report will be issued that will likely include recommendations for the US EPA Pesticide Programs.
- H. Mr. Taylor announced the 2016 recertification course renewal information. He reminded all sponsors that current courses must be submitted for renewal for approval in 2016. 700 course renewal applications have been received. Course approval notifications will be processed and notifications will be sent out by the end of the year.
- I. Mrs. Ashley Sellers provided an overview of the Georgia rule change process. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Act explicitly gives the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission and the Commissioner the authority to adopt and amend the rules and regulations. Specific procedures for adoption, amendment, and repeal of a rule and regulation are in the Administrative Procedures Act. She discussed the rule making process and responded to questions.

- J. Mr. Gorecki discussed the proposed US EPA certification and training rules. He suggested that the Commission consider supporting the comments that will be submitted by the Department and the national pesticide regulatory and industry associations. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that at a recent full SFIREG meeting, US EPA seemed to be listening to state concerns regarding the proposed rules and may consider allowing a state equivalency provision to allow variations in state certification and recertification standards.
- K. Mrs. Lauren Fraulick provided the legislative update. She noted that the session starts on January 11th.
- L. Jessica Badour with the Department’s Food Safety Division announced an opportunity to submit pest management information for an article scheduled to be published in the Georgia Environmental Health Association Annual Publication.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. UGA Structural Pest Management Workshops – Dr. Dan Suiter
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update – Tommy Gray
 - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- e. Rule change process – Ashley Sellars
- f. U.S. EPA Proposed Certification & Training Rule
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fraulick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Allgood Pest Solutions – Doraville
- Premier Pest Management – Monroe
- Welltech Pest Solutions – Woodstock
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The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Vivid Service Group – Henry County (insurance).
- Phenix Pest Control – Lee County (name change).
- Absolute Green Pest Control – Carroll County (name change).